

**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, May 23, 2019  
TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Maryland Department of Health  
201 W. Preston Street, Lobby Conference Room **L-1**  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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**AGENDA**

- I. Departmental Report
  - a. HealthChoice Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) implementation
  - b. Post-Award Forum and HealthChoice Waiver Amendment Hearing
- II. HealthChoice Evaluation – (Laura Goodman)
- III. Maryland’s Opioid Response – (Steve Schuh, Executive Director, OOCC)
- IV. MMIS Summit Update – (Herb Jordan)
- V. Behavioral Health Update
- VI. Waiver, State Plan, and Regulations Changes – (Mark Leeds, Director, Office of Long Term Services and Supports)
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. Adjournment

**Date and Location of Next Meeting:**

**June 27, 2019**

**Maryland Department of Health  
201. Preston Street, Lobby Conference Room L-3  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201**

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**April 25, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

The Hon. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam  
Ms. Susan Phelps  
Mr. Floyd Hartley  
Ms. Linda Dietsch  
Rachel Dodge, M.D.  
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk  
Mr. Norbert Robinson  
Ms. Vickie Walters  
Ms. Karen Williams  
Ms. Kim Lightfoot  
Mr. Michael Spurrier

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D  
The Hon. Matthew Morgan  
Mr. William Webb  
The Hon. Pat Young  
The Hon. Joanne C. Benson  
Ms. Kerry Lessard  
Mr. Eric Adler  
Ms. Robin Moore  
Ms. Shannon Hall  
Ms. Isabella Firth  
Ms. Carmel Roques  
Winifred Booker, D.D.S  
Mr. Vincent DeMarco  
Ms. Donna Fortson  
Mr. Ben Steffen

## **Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee**

**April 25, 2019**

### **Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Vickie Walters, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:10 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the March 25, 2019 meeting as written. Ms. Lori Doyle attended the meeting for Shannon Hall, Ms. Stephanie Klapper attended for Mr. Vincent DeMarco, and Ms. Megan Renfrew attended for Mr. Ben Steffen.

### **Departmental Report**

Mr. Dennis Schrader, COO and Medicaid Director, informed the Committee that Deputy Secretary Barbara Bazron has accepted a position in the District of Columbia and the Acting Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health is Lisa Burgess, M.D.

The Department held its second annual Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Summit earlier in the week. At a future meeting we will have the IT department give the Committee an update.

Hepatitis C is a major initiative for the Governor and he put \$30 million in the budget to address it. The Department is working with the managed care organizations (MCOs) on a major expansion to start on July 1, 2019. We've also put money in the budget for Public Health to do screening in addition to the MCOs.

The Governor provided \$10.5 million and \$18.7 million came from the federal government for a total of \$29.3 million. This only takes care of F1-4. There are 39 other states that have removed the med bar score completely and treats everyone from 0-4. This legislation went beyond trying to find the money to cover 0-4. We did get \$1.3 million in the budget and the federal government would give us \$2.7 million. This passed both the House and the Senate and there is hope the Governor will sign it. We are hoping this will help prevent the spread of this disease in our state.

### **Adult Dental**

Ms. Jill Spector, Director, Medical Benefits Management Administration. Medical Benefits Management includes HealthChoice, Dental, and Behavioral Health. Ms. Spector gave the Committee an overview of the adult dental pilot that will be implemented on June 1, 2019 (see attached presentation).

### **Medicaid Provider Services Overview**

Ms. Molly Marra, Director, Provider Services Administration gave the Committee an overview of the teams in the newly established administration and the services they provide (see attached presentation). The Department now has 72,000 providers and is focusing on program integrity and customer service. We want happy providers that see us as a preferred payer.

### **Session Roundup**

Ms. Stephanie Klapper, Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative, reviewed the Maryland's Easy Enrollment Health Program (HB 814 and SB 802) and the Prescription Drug Affordability Board Act (HB 768). These key pieces of legislation were passed during the 2019 legislative session (see attached handout).

### **Behavioral Health Update**

Ms. Marian Bland, Behavioral Health Administration, gave the Committee a Behavioral Health update (see attached presentation).

Ms. Tricia Roddy, Director, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, provided an update on a bill that passed in 2018 regarding collaborative care. Specifically, HB 1682/SB 835 from 2018 requires the Department to establish a Collaborative Care Pilot Program. The Department can select up to three pilot sites and the annual total expenditure is \$550,000. The Pilot will operate from FY 2020 thru FY 2023. The Department issued a Request for Applications. Applications are due by May 22, 2019. A portion of the monies in the first year can be used for infrastructure costs.

Ms. Jill Spector gave the Committee an update on Transmittal 25 that was sent out on April 23, 2019 to substance use disorder programs regarding presumptive and definitive urine drug testing for intensive out-patient programs (IOPs) and partial hospitalization programs. The transmittal was sent out to try and get a hold of state spending on urine drug testing (UDT). In 2018 \$70 million was spent on drug testing, while at the same time, only \$55.6 million was spent on IOP services. The bottom line is many more dollars have been spent on UDT than were spent on services.

The Department wanted to make sure that providers know how to effectively use UDT with the help of Beacon who has offered trainings through their provider alerts. Despite these efforts, many of the IOP programs are ordering UDT as much as three times a week when the recommendation is three times per month. Additionally, the Department realized that IOP and partial hospitalization programs (PHP) programs were not in line with some of our other substance use disorder (SUD) programs that include presumptive and definitive drug testing inside of their bundled rate. We have evaluated the per diem rate for IOP and PHP as well as the expected appropriate level of urine drug testing following the smart testing guidelines. We believe the current per diem rate for IOP and PHP will support the proper usage of urine drug testing.

For these two reasons – the increase in cost for UDT and that the reimbursement rate for IOP and PHP should include urine drug testing, we decided to make some changes. The Department worked with stakeholders on this policy and the feedback we received was really positive with

an understanding and a frustration that overspending and excessive utilization hurts the system as a whole.

### **Legislative Session Wrap-up**

Mr. Chris Coats, Health Policy Analyst, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, informed the Committee that the session ended about two weeks ago. The Department finished with 186 bills for review, which is about what we've averaged for the past couple of years. In previous years we averaged 120-130 bills per session. Many of these bills have not been signed into law yet. There was a bill signing date on April 18, 2019 but that was mostly departmental bills. There are two more signing dates, Tuesday, April 30, 2019 and Monday, May 13, 2019, both at 11 a.m. Mr. Coats reviewed the bills that passed this session (see attached chart).

### **Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes**

Mr. Mark Leeds, Director, Office of Long Term Services and Supports, informed the Committee of the following:

Regulations – All pending regulations have been signed off by the Secretary and are moving forward in the process. Although we don't have a publication date we are hoping they will be published as early as May 10, 2019. Final action will be effective ten days after publication.

State Plan Amendments (SPA) – Currently there are two pending SPAs at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Targeted Case Management Services: Care Coordination for Children and Youth and the 1915(i) Home and Community Based Services.

Waivers – There are amendments pending for the three waivers for individuals with developmental disabilities (Community Pathways, Community Supports, and Family Supports Waivers). All three were submitted to CMS on April 1, 2019 and we are awaiting comments. The Autism Waiver and the 1915(i) for behavioral health were also submitted to CMS on April 1, 2019.

### **Public Comments**

Ms. Catherine Fowler, Health Care for the Homeless, expressed concerns with Hepatitis C treatment, Ms. Ashley Black, Public Justice Center, provided comments on access to Hepatitis C medications and Ms. Kim Wireman, Powell Recovery, gave comments on the implementation of Transmittal 25.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Walters adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.